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Letter from Mary Rosa, Wellesley, Massachusetts, to her mother, 1912 November 22

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Geology Lecture Room,
22 November, 1912.

Dear Mother:

You'd be surprised to see how extensively letter-writing is carried on in this Psyc. class. I heard a girl say last night that she wrote four letters in class yesterday. I'm here to pay attention and not to carry on correspondence, but I want to write you just a note, as I forgot to last night. I hope you may get it before Sunday. Miss Cook is talking about memory. Seems rather appropriate, especially as I have Music 9 next period, and will have to play a series of six modulations in various minor keys, that I worked out this morning, and can't recall a note

of this afternoon. I'm hoping they will come back before long.

I'm posted to go to Symphony to-morrow night at the expense of the Music department. So you may think of me as hearing Kreisler, of whom you have raved so much.

One thing that makes me sore about hearing music in Boston is that this year, the big people appear in recitals only on Sunday. It's just maddening to read in the papers about them. For instance, tomorrow is Schumann Heink, next Sunday, Kreisler in a full program with orchestral accompaniment; Dec. 8 is Schumann Heink again, the 15th, a concert by Ysaye and

one by Mischa Elman. All my plans to hear some nice things are going to smash. I think that next year I'll go in occasionally and visit Helen over Sunday.

The weather at present is very wild. I'm glad I didn't ask you to send my fur coat. To-day however, is quite cloudy, and I think it may rain and get colder.

We're trying to plan what to do during our two days' vacation next week. I rather think we'll make a pilgrimage to Plymouth, for one thing. They say the Thanksgiving dinners in College Hall are very good. I think we'll have a breakfast party in Shakespeare

Friday morning. We're going to read
and walk a lot.

We had sweep day this morning
and changed our room around.
It looks rather crazy, but we may
like the change.

I've just found out that I have
a Bible quizz next Tuesday. I hope
I won't see my finish again! I had
one in Music yesterday which was
easy enough. Oh, the difference
between some of my subjects!

Must stop now as the period is
almost over.

With lots of love,
Mary.